



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 570

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**AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF
CONSTRUCTION OR CLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Prior to January 1, 2009,
2 no state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of
3 Children and Families, may close a residential facility operated by the
4 Department of Children and Families without obtaining prior
5 legislative approval in accordance with this section.

6 (b) To obtain such legislative approval, the state agency shall file a
7 plan with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
8 The plan shall include details about (1) the proposed closure and any
9 proposed new facility for residents displaced by the closure; (2) the
10 number of residents and staff affected by the proposed closure and the
11 number of potential residents of any proposed new facility; (3) the
12 associated costs of the proposed closure and any proposed new
13 facility; (4) statutory changes necessary to implement the closure or
14 construction of a proposed new facility; and (5) the planned use, if any,
15 of the facility's land and buildings after the closure.

16 (c) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of the
17 House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the
18 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

19 of matters relating to human services. Not later than thirty days after
 20 receiving the plan, the committee shall hold a joint public hearing on
 21 the plan with the select committee of the General Assembly having
 22 cognizance of matters relating to children. The committees shall seek
 23 input from other committees or members of the General Assembly.
 24 Not later than five days after the hearing, (1) the committees shall each
 25 hold a roll-call vote to approve or reject the plan, in whole, and (2) the
 26 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
 27 of matters relating to human services shall report the plan and a record
 28 of each committee's vote to the General Assembly.

29 (d) The General Assembly may approve or reject the plan, in whole,
 30 by a majority vote of each house. If the plan is submitted when the
 31 General Assembly is not in session, the plan shall be deemed rejected if
 32 the General Assembly fails to convene to consider the plan not later
 33 than thirty days after it receives the plan from the committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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